

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Sunday 11.30am Mass streaming link:** You can also scan with the QR Code below. <https://bit.ly/st-gabriel> **March:** Sunday Masses will be streamed during **11.30am**



**Br. Francis' Farewell:** We sincerely thank Francis for the quality time with us. We have enjoyed his friendship, availability, high sense of duty and quality of service in the short time he has been with us. We thank all whose friendship helped him to settle in. He will be present at all the Masses (**12th/13th**) next weekend. In our usual way, there will be some refreshment after the 11.30am Mass in the meeting room. Please let us bring and share whatever food or snacks we have on Sunday after 11.30am Mass. Let us also support him with our prayers.

**Hour of Divine Mercy** will be marked at 3pm in our Church this Sunday. There will be opportunity for confessions.

**Parish Easter outing for our young people has been scheduled for Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>.** The outing is for all young people who help out in the parish in whatever capacity. Please help sponsor them. There will be a basket in the porch for your donations.

**Parish IT Group:** We are calling on anyone who would like to volunteer their time to be in this group to let the Priests and parish office know you. Thank you for those that have come forward already.

## April Diary

Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**  
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**  
 Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room**  
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**  
 Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**  
 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

**Food Donations for the needy:** We are in dire need of food supplies for the needy. We humbly request for the following, pot noodles, tinned fish, biscuits, soft drinks, tea, milk (longlife), sugar, coffee, and all non-perishable groceries. Please drop these in the basket in the porch or at the priests' house. The generosity of parishioners have been pivotal in our ministry of care to the needy in our community

**First Holy Communion dates:** Apr. 14th, 21st, 28th, May. 12th, Sat. 18th @ 2.30pm, Jun. Sat. 1st @10am Rehearsal 1st Holy Communion 2nd June @ 11.30am.

**Prague/Poland in 25th-30th May 2024:** Cost **£870.** including flight, lodging (sharing), breakfast and dinner. **for 6 days. SEE FULL ITINERARY ON THE GLASS NOTICE BOARD** Final instalment by **April 5th 2024.** Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Travel insurance will also be gotten by individuals for themselves.

**Christian Stewardship:** 31st March 2024  
**Envelopes:** £415 **Loose:** £557.50 **Contactless:** £98 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

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## Food For Thought

**Hebrew 4:16**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



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## +2nd Sunday Of Easter (Divine Mercy) B 7th April 2024



We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

## REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. United as a community of believers, we continue to express our joy and faith in the risen Christ. As we celebrate the victory of Christ over death, there is one crucial thing we must remember. This is, we must be united to bear an effective witness to the resurrected Christ as the early Christian community did. In today's gospel, Christ presented himself to his disciples. During this very important visit, he restored their peace, and commissioned them as ministers of the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation. is the sacrament of mercy. It was not easy for Thomas to believe that Christ has risen. So, as we bear witness to the risen Christ, we shall certainly encounter people who will doubt our testimony. This must not discourage us. The Holy Spirit will convince them. We should remain focused on our mission. So, as true disciples of Christ, let us continue to announce the good news to the whole world that Jesus Christ, our Lord has truly risen from the dead. As we celebrate divine mercy Sunday today, we are reminded that God extended his mercy to us by allowing his son pay the ransom for our sins. Christ accomplished this through his paschal mystery. Finally, we must also extend this mercy to others. Hence, we are called to be apostles of mercy. So, as we spread the good news of Christ's resurrection, we must give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is because, his mercy and generosity endure forever. Alleluia!

### Mass Times & Intentions 1st – 8th April 2024

**Sat 6th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Catherine Sheridan, Joanna Nduba (RIP), Martina McDonagh (ANN), Ann Lydon, Ethelbert, Jude & Ikwuka family (INT)  
**Sun 7th 9:00am:** Francis Son Hoang, Miranda Avanzi & family, Rachel McGonigal & family, Eddie Mence, Percy Shackel, Ethelbert, Jude & Ikwuka family (INT)  
**11:30am:** Tony Stack, Albert Jutras (RIP), Tom D'Arcy (posthumous birthday), Peter Foley, Mary Slattery, Margaret Haines (10<sup>th</sup>) (ANN), Ella Humphreys, Ann Lydon, Ethelbert, Jude & Ikwuka family (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Essien-Oku family, Ethelbert, Jude & Ikwuka family (INT)  
**Mon 8th The Annunciation of the Lord 12 noon:** Julian Coelho, Mary Stephens, Ikwuka family (INT)  
**Tue 9th 12 noon:** Muriel & George Roberts (RIP), Bernard Etim-Bassey (30<sup>th</sup>) (ANN), Doreen Timoney, Bernie Shevlin, Betty Fitzpatrick (INT)  
**Wed 10th 12 noon:** Patrick Dorrian (4<sup>th</sup>) (ANN), Mary McDermott, Marie & Patrick Brophy, Ikwuka family (INT)  
**Thur 11th St Stanislaus 12 noon:** John & Lucie Thompson, Ethelbert, Jude & Ikwuka family (INT)  
**Fri 12th 12 noon:** Funeral of Margaret (Peggy) O'Sullivan  
**Sat 13th 12 noon:** Anna Comerford, Joe Hurley, Richard Dale, Alan Harrison (RIP), Marcos Perdiguero, Maria Elena de Miguel, Felicity Harrison (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggane, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lillian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Sr Joseph, Prince Henshaw, Renee Evans, Maureen Esspay, John Alan

### Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT= bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
  2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
  3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT
- Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received **£34,068.96** Thanks.

### Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp, Francis Hoang Son CSSp  
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**Confessions** Sat.11am, 6pm, before Masses **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm  
**Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm  
**Mission Statement:** To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

*Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...*



# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like new-born infants you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## OPENING PRAYER

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117)

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

“His love has no end.”

Let the sons of Aaron say:

“His love has no end.”

Let those who fear the Lord say:

“His love has no end.”

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, But not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

We rejoice and are glad.

## SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’ Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the

**R.** holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe’. Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said.

**R.** Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people and of those you have brought to new birth, that renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of the paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mass

Sat. 6.30pm  
Sun. 9.00am  
Sun. 11.30am  
Sun. 6.30pm

### Readers

Jeanette Fayers  
Rachel McGonigal  
Joseph Baffoe  
Eugenia Ackah

### Eucharist Minister

Debra  
Innocent Teme  
Joyce McD & Mary A  
Michelle C

### Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers  
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku  
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe  
Joseph Ogbonna

## The Spiritual Communion Prayer (For Online Mass) ONLY

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.**

### THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise You,  
We bless You,  
We adore you,  
We glorify You,  
We give You thanks for Your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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